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**NOTICE – CHANGES COMING JULY 1, 2019**

The implementation of the *Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act* (Public Act 100-0987) and the revision of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules, bring a number of changes which need to be in place when the statute and rule changes take effect on Monday, July 1, 2019:

- 1) **All agencies will be REQUIRED to use the REVISED Uniform Citation forms, and *only* the REVISED Uniform Citations for all tickets starting July 1, 2019.**
- 2) The cost to pay tickets without a court appearance (pre-pay online, by mail, or at the counter) is increasing effective July 1, 2019. Any person issued a ticket after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed under the new “Schedules” created by the *Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act* and will pay **\$164.00** under Schedule 12.
- 3) Effective July 1, 2019, there will no longer be separate payment amounts for any minor traffic tickets (i.e. seat belt violations and speeding 21-25 mph over the limit), ALL minor traffic violations pre-paid without a court appearance will cost **\$164.00** under Schedule 12.
- 4) \$50.00 of the new pre-pay ticket amount (Schedule 12) will be returned to the arresting municipality, \$48.00 to the municipality’s General Fund and \$2.00 to the municipality’s E-Citation Fund.
- 5) For a defendant who appears in court on a minor traffic ticket issued after July 1, 2019, the court costs will be \$226.00 (Schedule 10), with a new minimum fine amount set in the Act of \$25.00, if no other minimum exists based on the offense charged.
- 6) *Criminal Waivers*, which were created by the *Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act* and allow defendants living at up to 400% of the federal poverty level to waive the Schedule assessments on criminal cases, **do NOT apply to Vehicle Code charges**. Criminal Waivers **cannot** be granted for traffic tickets or DUIs.
- 7) Revised officer handouts are being distributed to all agencies. The new handouts include the new pre-pay amounts for tickets issued July 1<sup>st</sup> and later and will be distributed to all agencies during the month of June. **Please DESTROY all old tickets and officer handouts after July 1, 2019.**

If you have any questions about the *Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act* and changes coming July 1<sup>st</sup>, please feel free to call me at (815)334-4193, or email at [kmkeefe@McHenryCountyIL.gov](mailto:kmkeefe@McHenryCountyIL.gov).

Sincerely,

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